

Habitat Classification

Overview: In this activity, children will learn what a habitat is, discuss some of the different habitats mammals live in, and what makes these places appropriate for each animal. Children will also identify the habitats by name and match them to the animal that lives there.

Grade Levels: Pre-K - 2

Subjects: Earth Science
Language Arts

Concepts: Habitats provide the necessities for animals to live, such as water, food, and shelter. Animals adapt physically and behaviorally to the specific environment of their home.

Skills: Observing
Matching
Categorizing

Materials: Habitat matching worksheet provided in this guide.

NGSS:

- K-LS1-1 > Science and Engineering Practices > Connections to Nature of Science
- K-LS1-1 > Disciplinary Core Ideas in Life Sciences > LS1.C: Organization for Matter and Energy Flow in Organisms
- 3-LS3-1 > Crosscutting Concepts > Patterns

Getting Ready

Provide students with a copy of this worksheet, found at the end of this activity, and have them match the animals to the correct habitat. Go over the proper name of each habitat in the worksheet with the students.

Assessment

At the end of the activity, have students discuss the correct answers and the conditions that make the habitat appropriate for each animal. What physical characteristics does the animal have that help it thrive in that specific environment? Review the name of the habitats and orally quiz the students on the name of each one.

Enrichment

Children might not know that humans are animals; discuss the reasons why humans are, in fact, animals, and that they do live in a habitat. Students can visit the library to find more books depicting other animal habitats. Direct the students to other online resources, such as <http://www.bbc.co.uk/nature/habitats>.



Vocabulary

Habitat: the natural home or environment of an animal, plant, or other organism.

List of habitats to be discussed in this activity:

1. Urban
2. Forest
3. Farmland
4. Tropical Grassland (Savanna)
5. Open Ocean
6. Polar



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Habitats Matching Activity

Name: _____

Date: _____



Urban



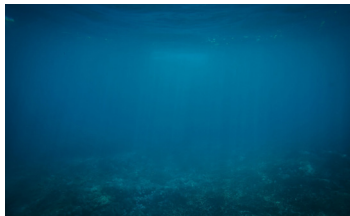
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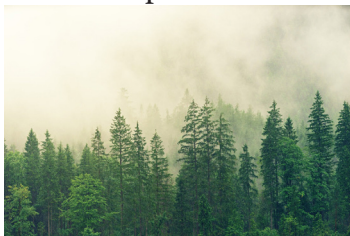
Farmland



Savanna



Deep Ocean



Forest



Polar

